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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Foreign Affairs Executive  
Seminar (FAES) Abolishment

1. On 7 October 1975 the undersigned attended a meeting of the interagency committee that oversees the FAES. The Chairman, Howard Sollenberger, announced the decision of the Board of Professional Development to "end State Department participation in the FAES and to abolish it."


2. The representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ISA, Willard Mitchell, Director of Policy Plans and NSC Affairs, took strong exception to the unilateral action of the Board of Professional Development. He stated that there would be a protest lodged from a considerably higher level in the DoD. Mitchell (1) argued for reconsideration of the decision, (2) a continuation of the program until a new vehicle was designed and ready, and (3) indicated that DoD would be willing to support the program with additional funds if this is part of the problem.

3. The problem, however, is the matter of the Department of State's failure to support the FAES with a full quota of students. State just cannot meet its quota and during the past year sent only 21 students against its quota of 60. Furthermore, according to Ambassador Haugerud, these were not State's best officers and even these had to be "dragooned" into coming. During the period January 1972 through the last running, the various agencies were represented as follows:

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| State    | 128 |
| AID      | 130 |
| USIA     | 183 |
| DoD      | 546 |
| Other    |     |
| Agencies | 21  |
| CIA      | 150 |

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4. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that:
  - a. The FAES would run for the last time from 3 November to 21 November.
  - b. That a letter would go to the agencies concerned advising of the abolishment and asking for the naming of a representative to assist in creating a new program.
5. State Department inspectors recommended that the new course be called Seminar on Current Issues Affecting Foreign Affairs.
6. Ambassador Haugerud recommended that the FAES be abolished if the Department of State does not participate fully and with a high-quality officer.

  
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provided by our  
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